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1. A RECENT EDITORIAL IN AL-MADINA NEWSPAPER ENTITLED "WHAT
IF BEGIN ASKS TO JOIN THE ARAB LEAGUE?" IS TRANSMITTED FOR
YOUR INTEREST.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

LET US CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING THREE POINTS:
GENUINE PEACE AS SEEN BY BREZINSKI, PRESIDENT CARTER'S
ADVISOR FOR NATIONAL SECURITY MEANS MUTUAL RECOGNITION
BETWEEN PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE DISPUTE IN A LASTING SETTLE-
MENT, THE ESTABLISHING OF POLITICAL, DIPLOMATIC AND COMMER-
CIAL RELATIONS. HE SAID THAT HE NOTICED SUCH DESIRE DURING
HIS TALKS WITH CERTAIN ARAB LEADERS.
PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT OF EGYPT TOLD AN AMERICAN CONGRESS
DELEGATION TWO DAYS AGO THAT DIPLOMATIC AND COMMERCIAL
RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL CANNOT MATERIALIZE UNTIL AFTER FIVE
YEARS OF WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES.
ISRAELI PREMIER MANACHEM BEGIN STATED THAT HE IS CARRYING
SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST TO PRESENT
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THEM TO PRESIDENT CARTER, HAS DESCRIBED PRESIDENT SADAT'S
STATEMENT AS UNACCEPTABLE AND SAID EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON,
WE ARE DEALING HERE WITH A QUESTION OF PEACE AGREEMENTS AND
THIS IS THE WAY TO END HOSTILITIES AND LIVE IN PEACE. PEACE
AGREEMENTS ARE CONSIDERED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, HE SAID.
REVIEWING THE ABOVE POINTS ONE CAN FIND A RELATION BETWEEN
THEM, NAMELY, INSISTENCE ON ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

AND OPEN BORDRS BETWEEN ARABS AND ISRAEL. SUCH INSISTENCE ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS COMES AT A TIME WHEN FALL IS APPROACHING AND IN IT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE AS SAID. RECOGNITION HAS BECOME OUT OF DATE IN THIS RESPECT.

IN ORDER NOT TO PLUNGE OURSELVES IN VAGUE EXPRESSIONS LET US MAKE THE QUESTION CLEAR: PEACE PROPOSED FROM OUTSIDE THE ARAB WORLD HAS STARTED TO TAKE MORE SPECIFIC CONCEPTIONS FOLLOWING GENERALIZATIONS REPRESENTED BY PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENTS ABOUT SETTLEMENT, WITHDRAWAL AND A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND.

IN THE WAKE OF EASING THE THREE ARAB REFUSALS DECLARED AT THE KHARTOUM SUMMIT, MOVES ARE UNDERWAY TO INTRODUCE A JEWISH STATE IN THE MIDDLE EASTERN CLUB AND COVER ITS PRESENCE WITH LEGALITY.

WE BELIEVE THAT INSISTENCE ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ON THE PART OF CARTER AND BEGIN IS DUE TO SEVERAL REASONS WHICH CAN BE SUMMED UP: FIRSTLY, PRESIDENT CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION WANTS TO PUSH ITS BABY INTO AN ADVANCE STAGE OF CARE AND ADOPTION.IT WANTS TO MOVE IT FROM THE ELEMENTARY STAGE INTO A SELF-SUFFICIENT STAGE, THE NEW PHASE CALLS FOR ITS INTEGRATION AMONG SURROUNDING NEIGHBORS AND SECURE ALL MEANS FOR ITS SUCCESS IN NATURAL CONDITIONS AWAY FROM THREAT OF WAR, DESTRUCTION AND THROWING INTO THE SEA. SECONDLY, DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN ARABS AND ISRAEL AND ITS BYPRODUCTS SUCH AS OPEN BORDERS AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS ARE QUITE DIFFERENT FROM DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN ARAB AND ANY OTHER COUNTRY. UNCLASSIFIED

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THIS IS BECAUSE THESE RELATIONS WILL LEAD TO SERIOUS DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FUTURE.

IN OTHER WORDS, SUCH RELATIONS AND OPEN BORDERS BETWEEN ARABS AND THE ZIONIST ENTITY WILL SAVE THIS ENTITY FROM ALL ITS INTERNAL CRISES BEGINNING WITH INFLATION, THE DEVALUED (ISRAELI) POUND, RACISM BETWEEN JEWS TO EMIGRATION FROM ISRAEL TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

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ISRAEL SUFFERS FROM VERY SEVERE ECONOMIC CRISES AS
A RESULT OF ARAB BOYCOTT REGULATIONS AND BLOCKADES. THE
INFLATIONARY RATE IN ISRAEL STANDS AT 38 PERCENT EVERY ISRAELI
NEWBORN CHILD WILL FIND HIMSELF INDEBTED BY ABOUT TEN THOUSAND
DOLLARS, AND THE DEFENSE BUDGET SWALLAWS ABOUT 40 PERCENT OF THE
TOTAL BUDGET.

DIPLOMATIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS MEAN AN END TO THE
ARAB BOYCOTT AND WILL OPEN ARAB MARKETS TO ADVANCED ZIONIST
TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRY. THIS WILL SECURE A TOURISTIC ATMOS-
PHERE FOR ARABS IN TEL AVIV AND OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS IN
PALESTINE. IT WILL REDUCE ITS DEFENSE BUDGET AND LEAD TO
AN ECONOMIC BOOM IN ISRAEL, A SITUATION THAT HELPS TO ATTRACT
MORE IMMIGRANTS WHO USED TO FLEE TO EUROPEAN AND U.S. CITIES
DUE TO LACK OF SECURITY IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE AND THE CON-
TINUED STATE OF WAR BETWEEN ARABS AND ISRAELIS.

BUT WILL ARABS AGREE TO THE ESTABLISHING OF SUCH DIPLO-
MATIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS AND WHAT WILL THEY LEAD TO?
THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION IS NO. IT IS UNREASONABLE TO OVER-
LOOK THE STATE OF ENMITY, WARS AND USURPATION OF LAND BY ISRAEL
SO EASILY. ARAB LEADERS HAVE REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THIS
REFUSAL. THERE IS NO POWER IN THE WORLD THAT CAN IMPOSE ON

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ANOTHER STATE THE ACCEPTANCE OF ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH
ANOTHER COUNTRY, DIPLOMATIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS CAN
ONLY BY COERCION. THE UNITED STATES. FOR INSTANCE, REMAINED
20 YEARS IN REJECTING STARTING RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST CHINA
AND LAUGHED AT THOSE WHO URGED HER TO DO SO.

WE ARE CALLING ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION TO
BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON ISRAEL TO ACCEPT UN RESOLUTIONS AND
NOT TO ADOPT THE ISRAELI VIEWPOINT AND PRESSURIZE ARABS
INSTEAD TO ACCEPT THIS VIEW AND EXTEND RECOGNITION AND OPEN
FRONTIERS PERHAPS TO PAVE THE GROUND FOR ISRAEL'S FUTURE
JOINING OF THE ARAB LEAGUE* END TEXT.

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